



AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®

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IMMONEN
von GRAWBADGER
GRACIA**



WHEN PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

PETER'S COMPANY, PARKER INDUSTRIES, IS UNDER SIEGE FROM OTTO OCTAVIUS, NOW THE **SUPERIOR OCTOPUS**. THOUGH BACKED BY THE FORCES OF **HYDRA**, OTTO'S MOTIVATION FOR THIS RAID IS PERSONAL. HE WAS THE ONE WHO ACTUALLY STARTED PARKER INDUSTRIES BACK WHEN HE WAS BOTH PETER PARKER AND THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN. AS FAR AS OTTO IS CONCERNED, THIS COMPANY IS RIGHTFULLY **HIS**.



WITH HELP FROM HYDRA, OTTO OVERTHREW PARKER INDUSTRIES' NEW YORK, LONDON AND SAN FRANCISCO OFFICES. LEAVING HIS FELLOW HEROES BEHIND DURING A MAJOR HYDRA OFFENSIVE, PETER RUSHED TO THE LAST OFFICE IN SHANGHAI AND MARSHALLED ALL HIS FORCES, INCLUDING A FLEET OF SPIDER-MOBILES. OCK TURNED THE TABLES, HOWEVER, WHEN HE TOOK CONTROL OF THE VEHICLES AND TURNED THEM AGAINST SPIDER-MAN!

SECRET EMPIRE PART THREE: "END OF AN EMPIRE"

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PATHETIC.
LOOK AT YOU,
STRUGGLING TO THE
VERY END. FOREVER
PLAYING THE
"HERO."

WELL, NOT
THIS TIME,
WALL-CRAWLER!
DON'T YOU GET IT?
**YOU'RE THE
THIEF HERE!**

AND THIS IS
ME, RECLAIMING
AN EMPIRE THAT
IS **RIGHTFULLY
MINE!**

RIIIIGHT.
SURE THING,
OTTO.

YOU'RE
BEING **MISTER
REASONABLE**
HERE...

...AND
NOT SOME OUT-
OF-CONTROL
LUNATIC!

OH, **TRUST**
ME, DOLT. I AM
IN **COMPLETE**
CONTROL!

OF THIS
SITUATION,
OF YOUR FATE
AND OF YOUR
FRIENDS...

...TRAPPED
INSIDE THEIR
LITTLE SPIDER-
MOBILES.

GOOD
POINT.

LIAN!
SPIDER-RIDER!
YOU BUILT THESE
THINGS--

--CAN
YOU DO
ANYTHING
ABOUT
THAT?!

HOW?!
HE'S OVERRIDDEN
EVERYTHING!

OCK'S
PULLING ALL
THE STRINGS!
THE SAME
WAY--

THWIP



YES, CHILD. THE **SAME** WAY I COMMAND MY ARMS. OR MY OLD **SPIDER-BOTS**.

IT'S QUITE FLATTERING, ACTUALLY.

I SHOULD PROBABLY THANK YOU, OLD FRIEND, FOR THE COMPLIMENT.

WHAT?!



ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? USING PARKER INDUSTRIES AS BASES?

THESE SPIDER-BOT-LIKE VEHICLES? PROACTIVELY GOING AFTER YOUR ENEMIES?

YOU'RE USING ALL OF MY STRATAGEMS FROM BACK WHEN I WAS SPIDER-MAN.



THWIP!

OW.

OKAY, NOW YOU'RE GETTING NASTY.



ONLY BECAUSE YOU KNOW IT'S **TRUE**.

ALL THIS TIME, YOU'VE BEEN ACTING LIKE AN **INFERIOR COPY** OF ME. BUT HOW COULD YOU BE ANYTHING ELSE...

...COMPARED TO THE **GENIUS** OF OTTO OCTAVIUS?!

HA HA HA!

HOPE EVERYONE ON MY CHANNEL COULD HEAR THAT. THIS IS LIVE FROM PARKER INDUSTRIES PLAZA.

AND THAT WAS THE NEW DOCTOR OCTOPUS LAUGHING.

ALL OF YOU, BACK IT UP!

HEY! I'M FILMING!

YOU PEOPLE ARE CRAZY. GET TO A SAFE DISTANCE!

YOU HEARD HIM!

MAN, CAN HE PROJECT! HE MUST PRACTICE THAT.

UNBELIEVABLE. IT'S JUST ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER.

SOMEONE'S GOING TO GET HURT!

SORRY, MA'AM. THIS IS AS FAR AS WE CAN GO.

THEY'RE NOT LETTING ANYONE THROUGH.

VERY WELL. LET ME OUT, PLEASE...

...I'LL DO THE REST ON FOOT.

THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING I CAN DO TO HELP.

AFTER ALL, THAT'S MY NAME ON THAT BUILDING, TOO.



ENOUGH
THEATER. TIME FOR
THE END GAME. THE
MOMENT WHEN ALL THE
FORTUNES OF PARKER
INDUSTRIES...

...ARE
FINALLY
MINE!



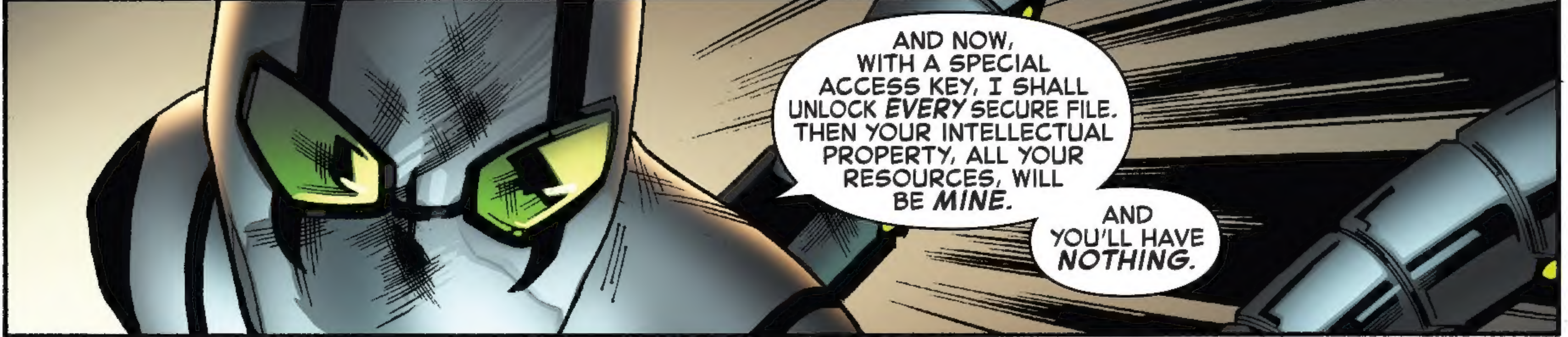
GNN! NOT
HAPPENING,
DOC! THERE ARE
A MILLION FAIL-
SAFES THAT--

NO. JUST
FOUR. ONE THAT
SHUT DOWN WHEN
HYDRA CUT OFF
NEW YORK.

ANOTHER
WHEN MY MEN
AND I DESTROYED
THE LONDON
HUB.

A THIRD
WHEN WE
RAIDED SAN
FRANCISCO.

PUNCHH



AND NOW,
WITH A SPECIAL
ACCESS KEY, I SHALL
UNLOCK *EVERY* SECURE FILE.
THEN YOUR INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY, ALL YOUR
RESOURCES, WILL
BE MINE.

AND
YOU'LL HAVE
NOTHING.



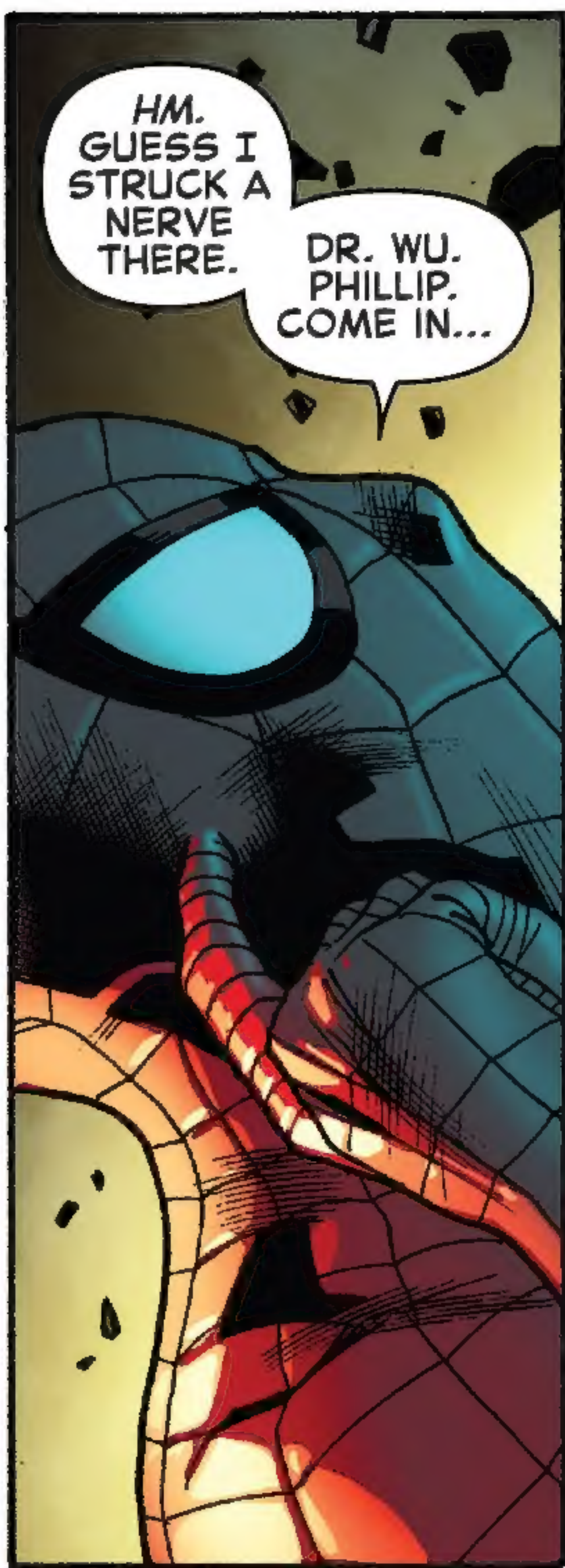
"WHEN
HYDRA CUT OFF
NEW YORK." "MY
MEN AND I." "WE."

BUT YOU
CAME HERE
ALONE.

HYDRA
DOESN'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE UP
TO HERE, DO
THEY, DOC?



...
I DON'T
HAVE TO STAND
HERE FOR THIS!
NOT WHILE I'M
WINNING!



HM. GUESS I STRUCK A NERVE THERE.

DR. WU. PHILLIP. COME IN...



...HOW ARE THINGS GOING DOWN IN THE LAB? MY BACKUP PLAN READY?

ALMOST. YOUR ASSUMPTION WAS CORRECT.

THE SIGNAL DOCTOR OCTOPUS IS SENDING OUT TO CONTROL THOSE CARS IS A CONSTANT ONE.

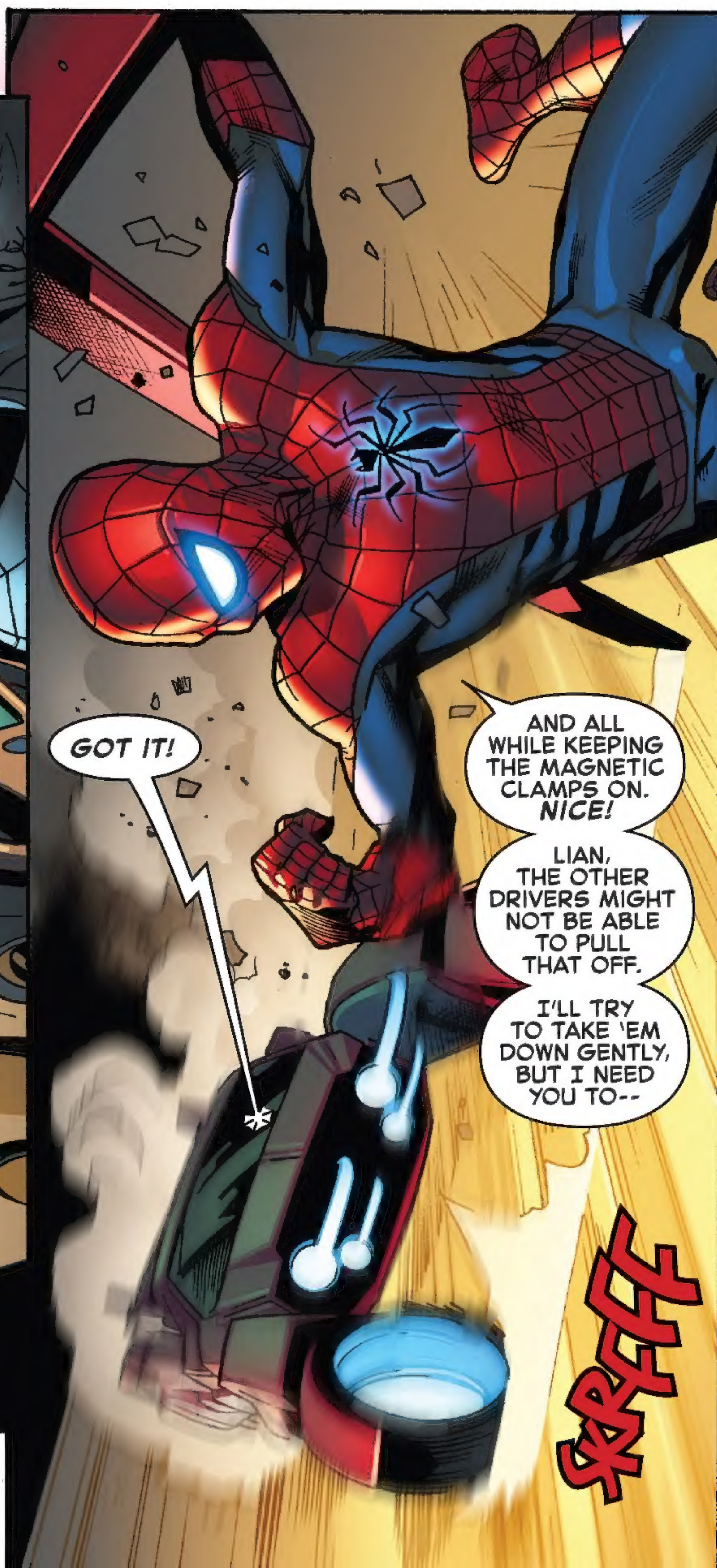
GIVEN ENOUGH TIME, WE'LL FIND ITS FREQUENCY.



WELL, EXCUSE ME FOR NOT WAITING.

THERE! I'VE DISENGAGED THE COMPUTER INTERFACE.

SWITCHING TO... MANUAL!



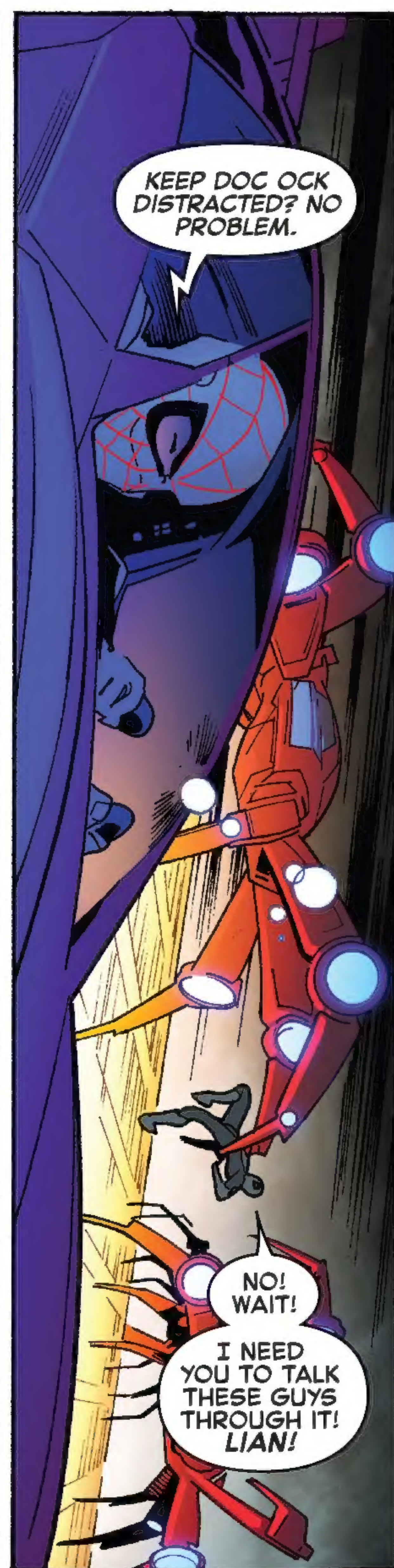
GOT IT!

AND ALL WHILE KEEPING THE MAGNETIC CLAMPS ON. NICE!

LIAN, THE OTHER DRIVERS MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO PULL THAT OFF.

I'LL TRY TO TAKE 'EM DOWN GENTLY, BUT I NEED YOU TO--

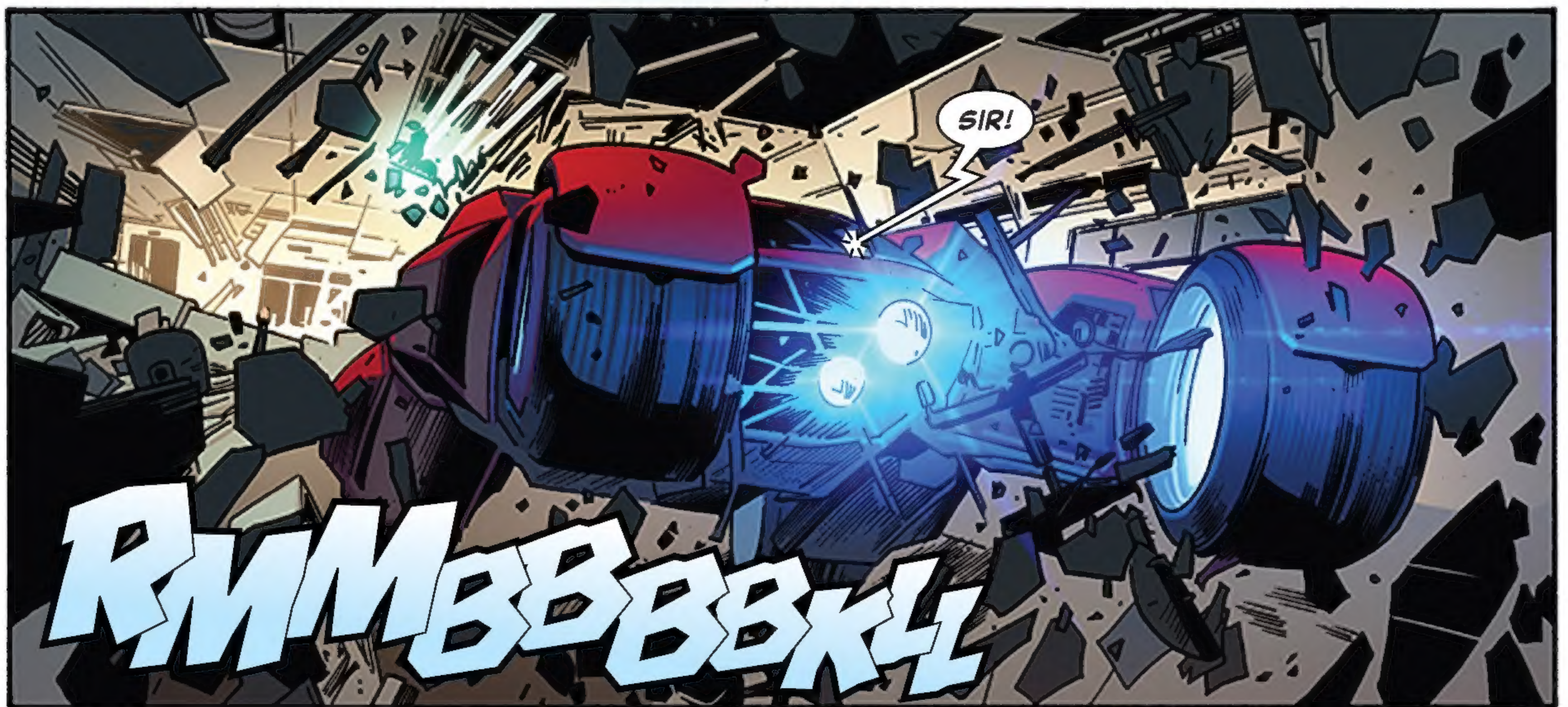
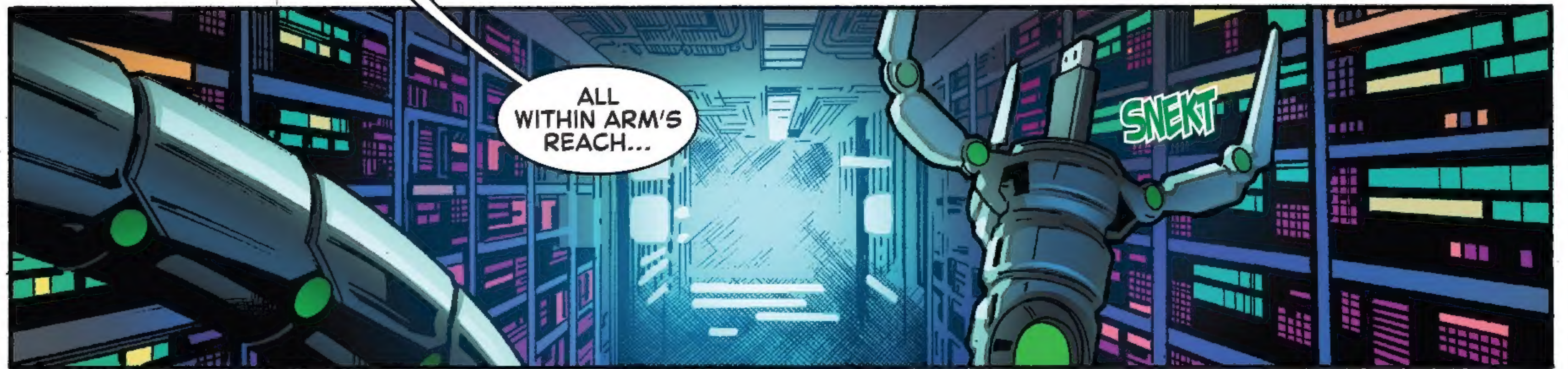
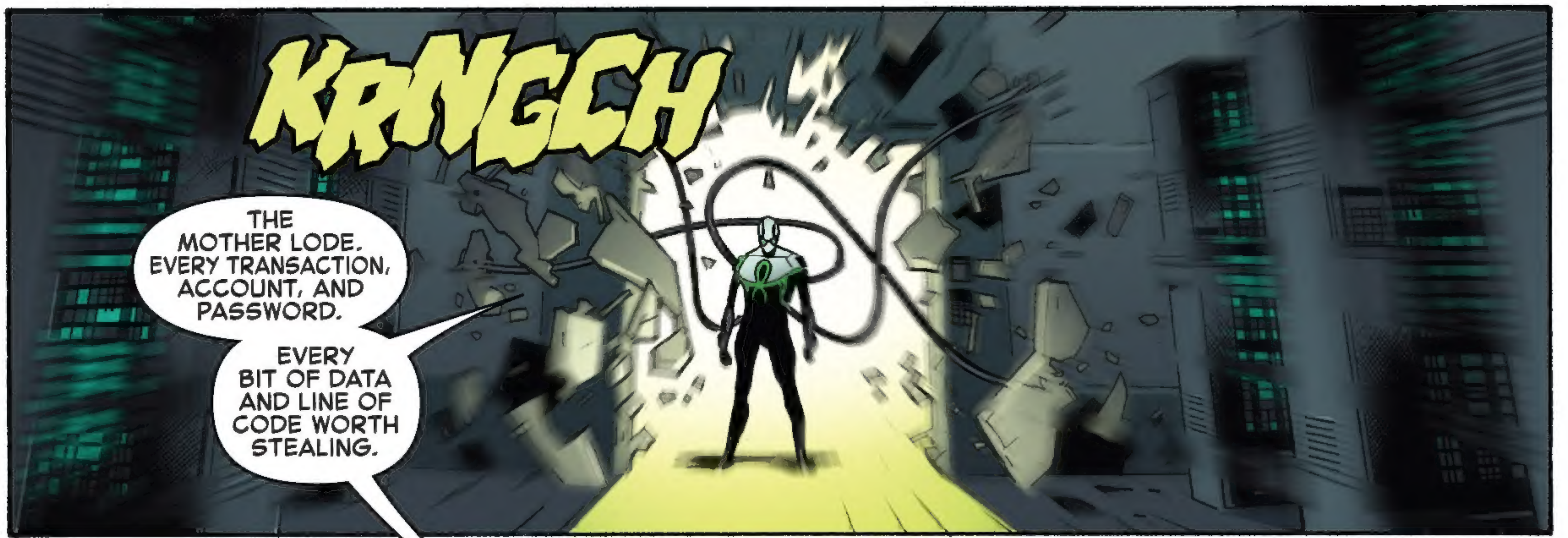
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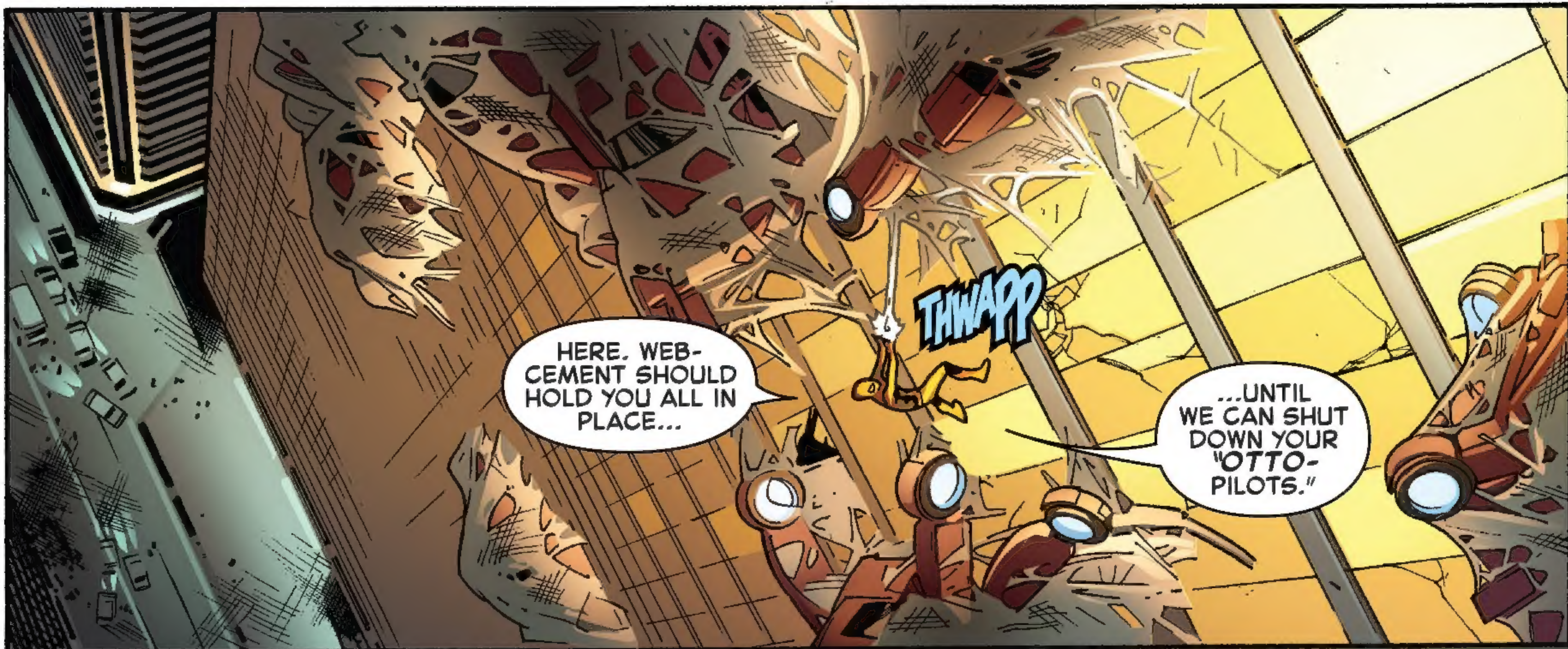


KEEP DOC OCK DISTRACTED? NO PROBLEM.

NO! WAIT!

I NEED YOU TO TALK THESE GUYS THROUGH IT! LIAN!





HERE. WEB-CEMENT SHOULD HOLD YOU ALL IN PLACE...

...UNTIL WE CAN SHUT DOWN YOUR "OTTO-PILOTS."



YOU GOOD?

YES, SPIDER-MAN. BUT MS. TANG, SPIDER-RIDER ONE...?
...IS SHE OKAY ON HER OWN? AGAINST DOCTOR OCTOPUS?



I SURE HOPE SO. FOR A LITTLE WHILE.



BECAUSE THE NEXT PART OF MY PLAN'S GOING TO TAKE A SEC.

SUIT, OFF.



HANG IN THERE, LIAN. I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK!



PARKER INDUSTRIES SHANGHAI, THIS IS IT.

I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO MAKE THIS CALL, BUT WE'RE FACING A HOSTILE TAKEOVER. LITERALLY.



NOT BY INVESTORS OR ANOTHER COMPANY. BY A SUPER VILLAIN...

...WHO'S WORKING FOR HYDRA.

AND WE KNOW HE'S LISTENING IN.



TONIGHT, HE'S KNOCKING DOWN OUR FRONT DOOR, BUT TOMORROW, HE COULD BE SNEAKING IN THROUGH THE BACK.

IF HE DOES, ALL THE GREAT WORK WE'VE DONE HERE...

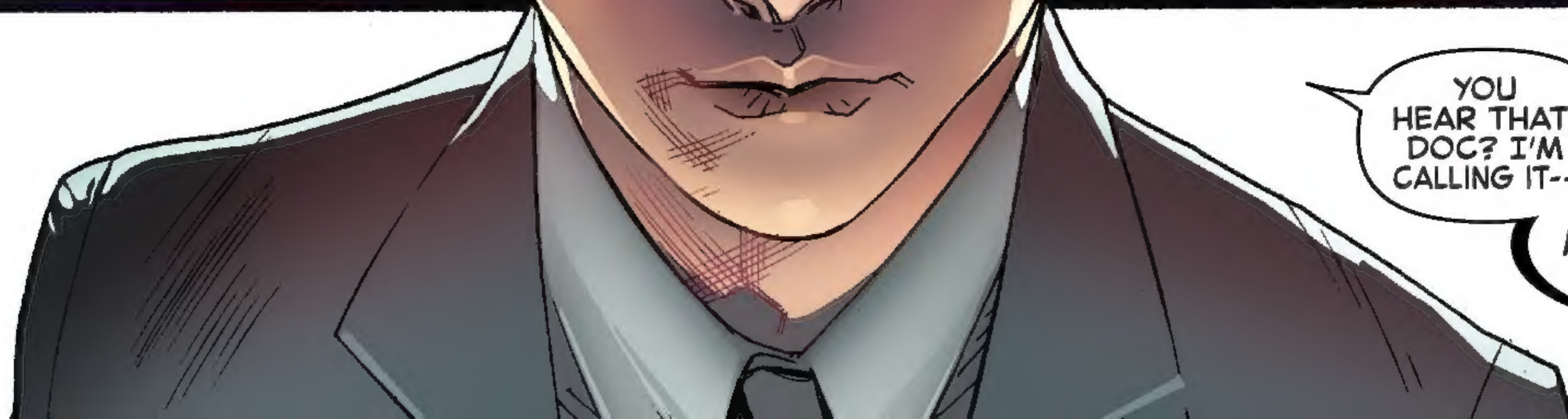
...WOULD BE TWISTED INTO HELPING THE WORST PEOPLE ON EARTH.

WE KNOW WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. IT'S TIME.



IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO BUILD UP THIS COMPANY WITH YOU.

NOW, LET'S TEAR IT DOWN!



YOU HEAR THAT, DOC? I'M CALLING IT--

PARKER INDUSTRIES NO MORE!



EVERY
DEPARTMENT,
ACTIVATE
WORM VIRUSES
NOW.

COMPANY-
WIDE WIPE
OF ALL
SYSTEMS.

NO!

WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?!

WHAT IDIOT
WOULD DESTROY
A GLOBAL EMPIRE
JUST TO KEEP IT
OUT OF MY
HANDS?!

WHO
COULD BE THAT
UNBELIEVABLY
PETTY?!

WRONG
QUESTION,
DOC. ASK
YOURSELF...

...WHAT
MAN WOULD
SACRIFICE ALL HE
HAS FOR A JUST
CAUSE?



PARKER!



WEBWARE
OPERATING
SYSTEM PERMANENT
SHUTDOWN IN
PROCESS.

WE ARE
SORRY FOR THE
INCONVENIENCE.

THANK
YOU FOR
USING PARKER
INDUSTRIES.

SHUTDOWN?!
WHAT ABOUT ALL
MY PICTURES?!



PETER,
EVERYTHING
YOU'VE
BUILT...

...ALL THE
PEOPLE WHO
WORK FOR
YOU...

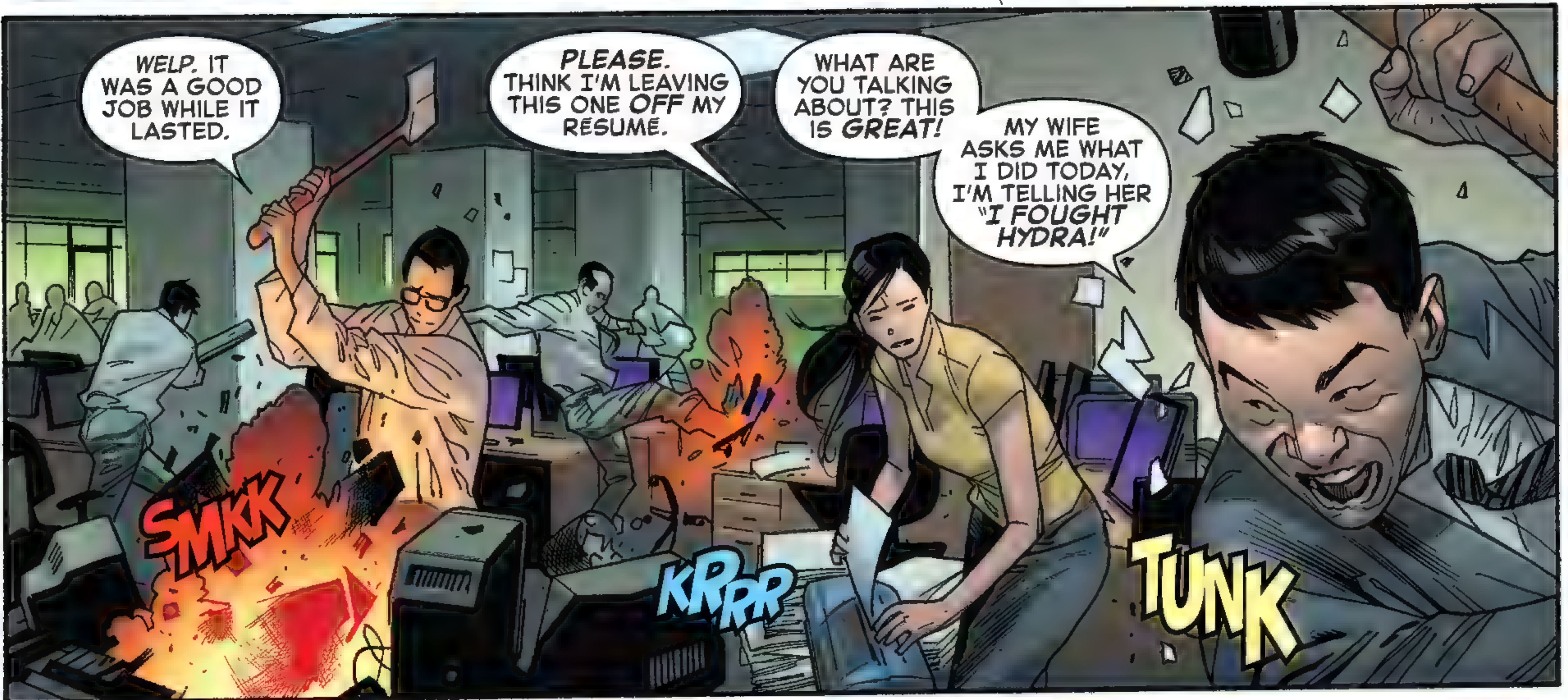
THE
UNCLE BEN
FOUNDATION,
EVERYONE
WE HELP.

HOW
COULD
YOU...?



I'M SORRY.
I HOPE YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND.

BUT AS
A GREAT MAN
ONCE SAID TO ME,
"WITH GREAT
POWER--"



WELP. IT
WAS A GOOD
JOB WHILE IT
LASTED.

PLEASE.
THINK I'M LEAVING
THIS ONE OFF MY
RESUME.

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT? THIS
IS GREAT!

MY WIFE
ASKS ME WHAT
I DID TODAY,
I'M TELLING HER
"I FOUGHT
HYDRA!"

SMKK

KRPP

TUNK



NEXT
UP...

...SECRET
WEAPON
NUMBER
ONE.

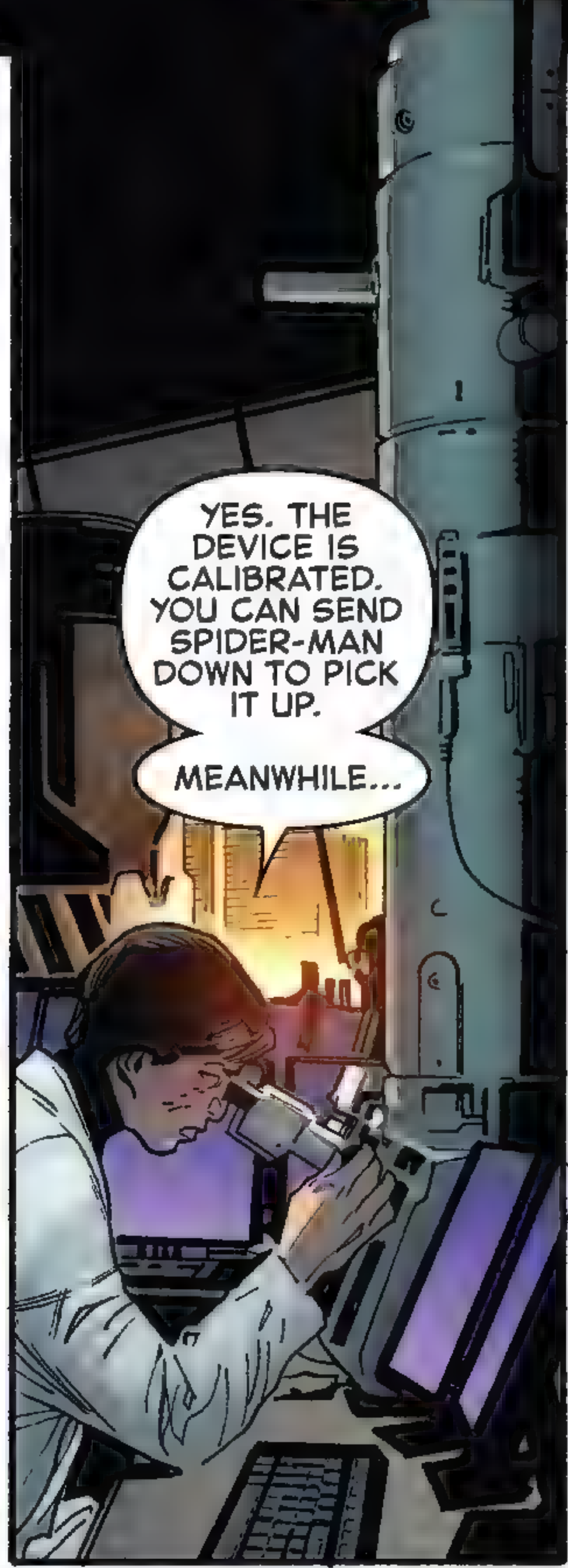


HI.
HAVEN'T
SEEN YOU IN
A WHILE.



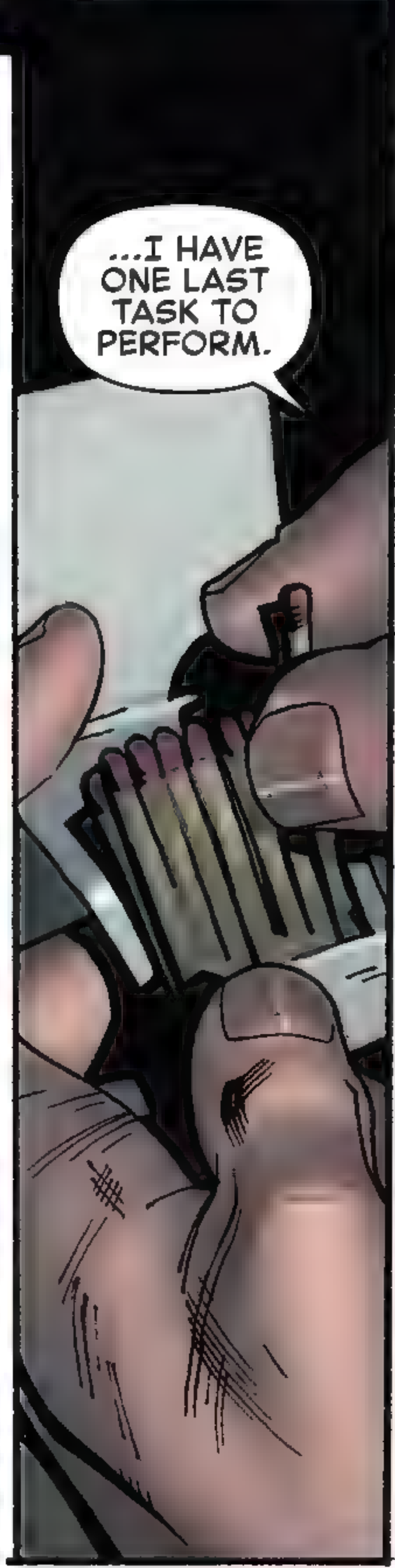
AND NOW
FOR SECRET
WEAPON
NUMBER
TWO.

PHILLIP,
YOU GUYS
READY?

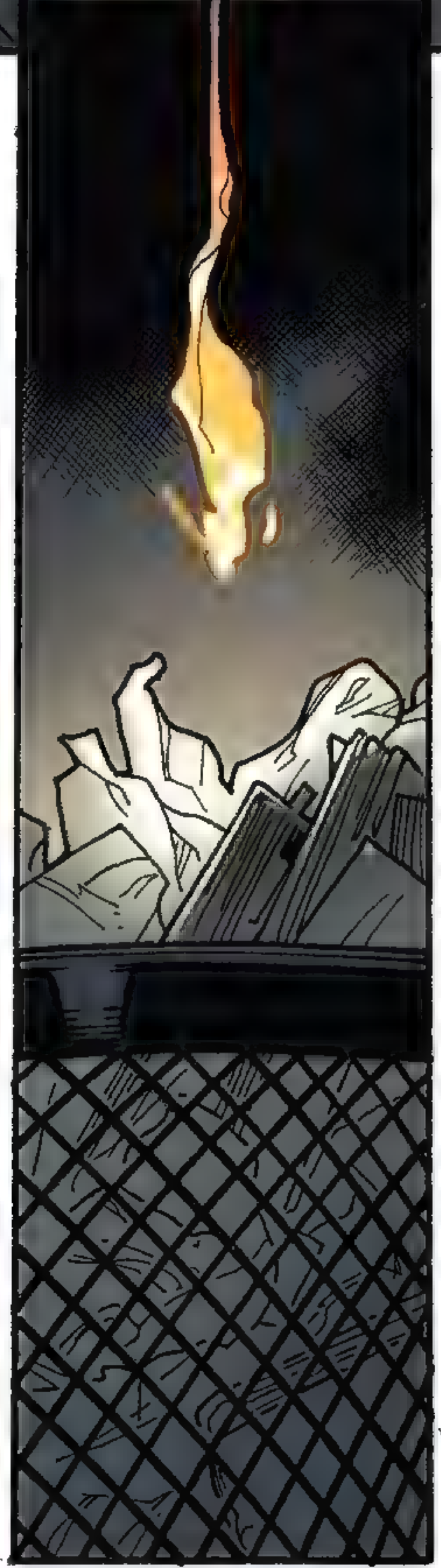


YES. THE
DEVICE IS
CALIBRATED.
YOU CAN SEND
SPIDER-MAN
DOWN TO PICK
IT UP.

MEANWHILE...



...I HAVE
ONE LAST
TASK TO
PERFORM.



ALL MY
RESEARCH.

I WAS
SO CLOSE,
WU. A PERFECT
GREEN ENERGY
SOURCE.

OR A
POTENTIAL
WEAPON IN
THE WRONG
HANDS.

EASY FOR
YOU TO SAY.
YOUR FINDINGS
HAVE BEEN
PUBLISHED.

I HAVE FAITH
IN YOU, PHILLIP
CHANG. YOU'LL FIND
IT. YOU'RE A GOOD
SCIENTIST, BUT MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
YOU'RE A GOOD
MAN.

NOW COME
ON. WE'VE
DONE OUR PART.
IT'S TIME
TO GO.



EXCUSE ME.

MRS. PARKER! OVER HERE!

MIN WEI!

ALL THESE TRUCKS YOU'VE SENT OVER FROM THE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION...

...THEY'VE BEEN A BIG HELP WITH THE EVACUATION.

JUST DOING WHAT WE CAN. WHILE WE CAN.

MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME WITH MRS. TANG. SHE WON'T LET US MOVE HER.

OH MY. YOU WERE INJURED HERE, WEREN'T YOU? I AM SO SORRY!



INJURED? YOUR BOY'S COMPANY PROVIDED THE TREATMENT THAT'S SAVED MY LIFE.

NO. I'M STAYING HERE SO I CAN WATCH MY DAUGHTER.

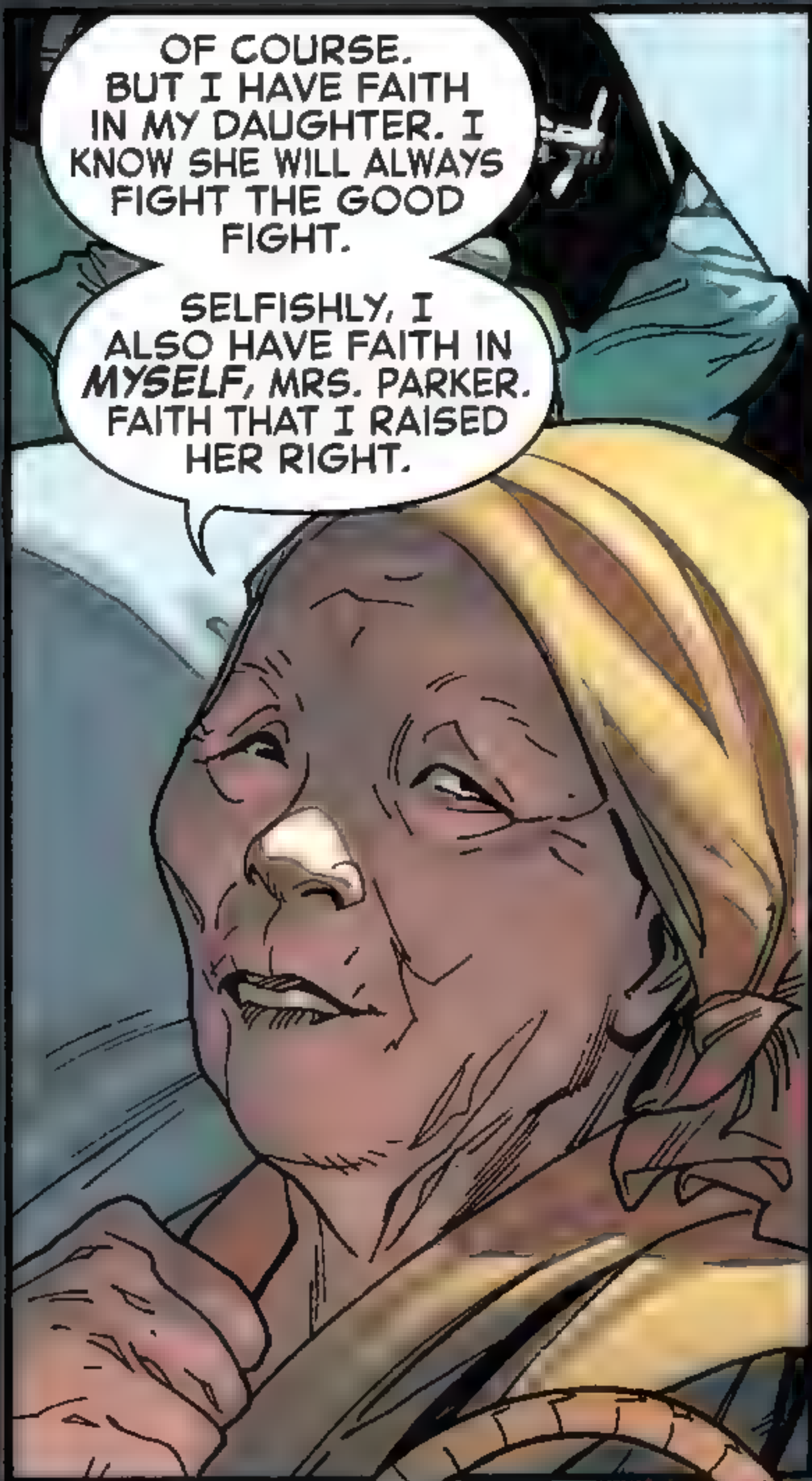
LOOK! UP ON THE TOWER!

"THAT'S HER! FIGHTING THE GREAT AMERICAN SUPER VILLAIN, DOCTOR OCTOPUS!"

"ISN'T SHE AMAZING?!"

DEAR GOD! YOU MUST BE WORRIED HALF TO DEATH!





OF COURSE.
BUT I HAVE FAITH
IN MY DAUGHTER. I
KNOW SHE WILL ALWAYS
FIGHT THE GOOD
FIGHT.

SELFISHLY, I
ALSO HAVE FAITH IN
MYSELF, MRS. PARKER.
FAITH THAT I RAISED
HER RIGHT.



LOOK!
SPIDER-
MAN'S
BACK!

OH...



...DEAR.

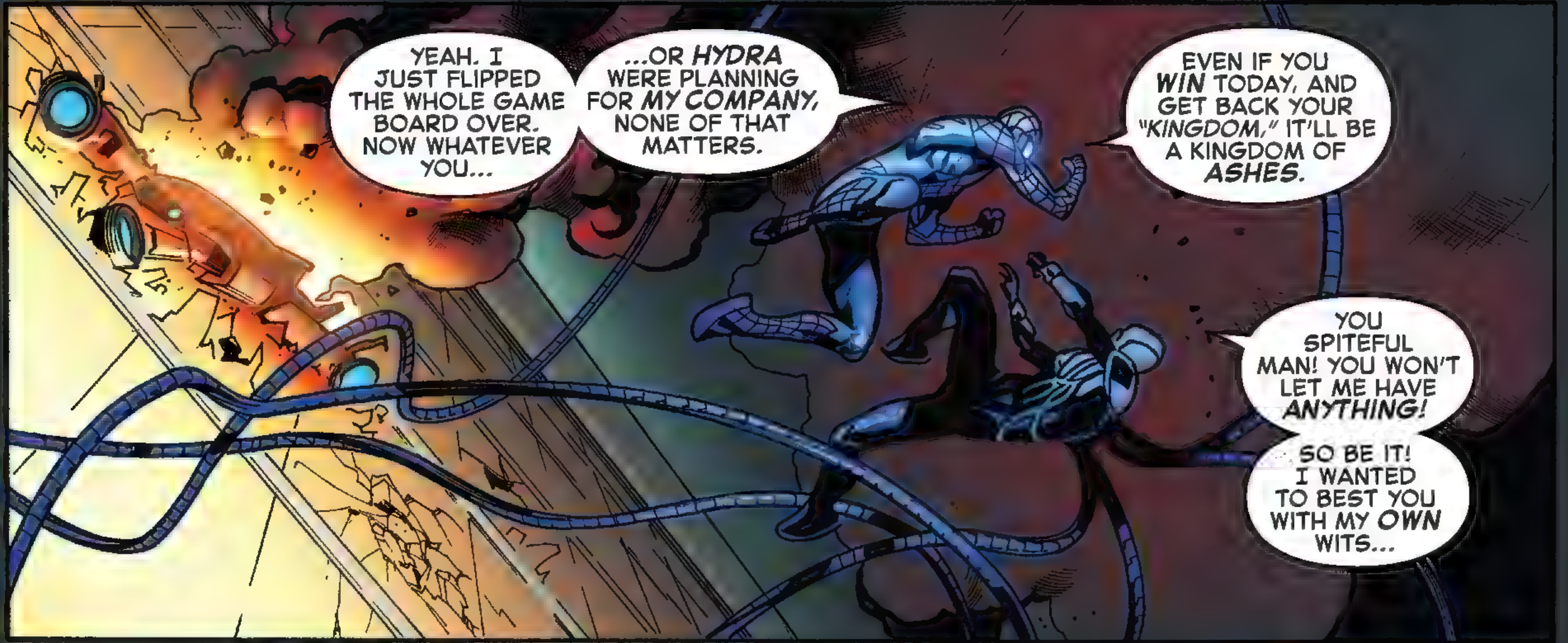


HEY,
HYDRA-MAN!
MISS ME?

IS THAT
CONFUSING?
'CAUSE THERE'S A
HYDRO-MAN. I
CAN'T TELL.

SHUT UP!
HOW COULD YOU
HAVE DONE THAT?!
DON'T YOU
UNDERSTAND?!

YOU--YOU--
YOU RUINED
EVERYTHING!
ALL THAT WE
BUILT!



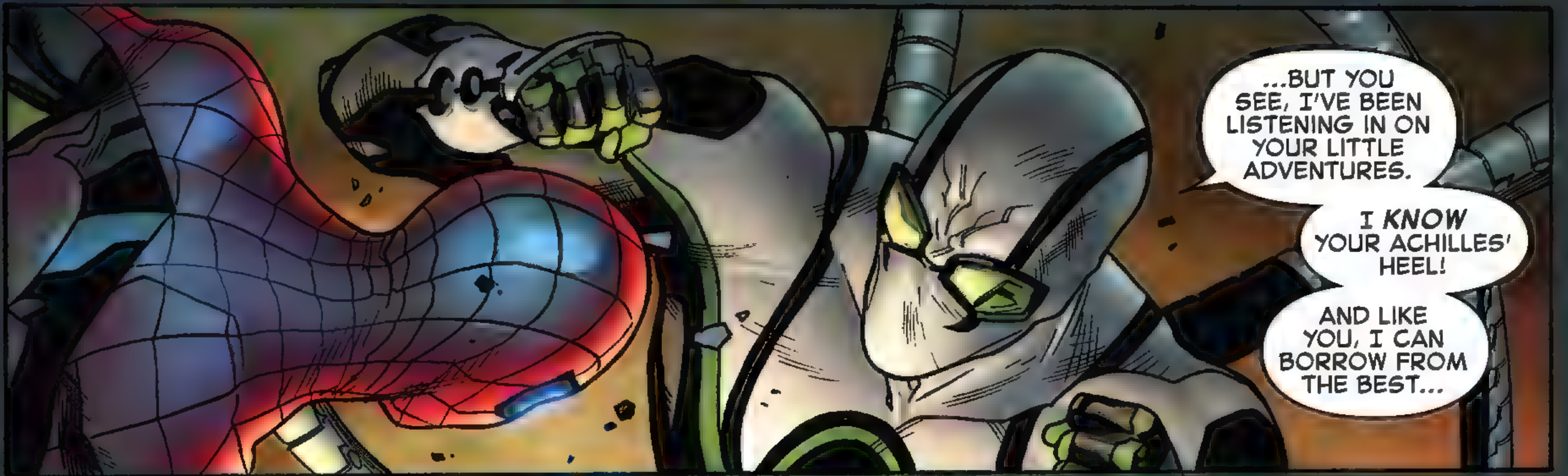
YEAH. I JUST FLIPPED THE WHOLE GAME BOARD OVER. NOW WHATEVER YOU...

...OR HYDRA WERE PLANNING FOR MY COMPANY, NONE OF THAT MATTERS.

EVEN IF YOU WIN TODAY, AND GET BACK YOUR "KINGDOM," IT'LL BE A KINGDOM OF ASHES.

YOU SPITEFUL MAN! YOU WON'T LET ME HAVE ANYTHING!

SO BE IT! I WANTED TO BEST YOU WITH MY OWN WITS...



...BUT YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN LISTENING IN ON YOUR LITTLE ADVENTURES.

I KNOW YOUR ACHILLES' HEEL!

AND LIKE YOU, I CAN BORROW FROM THE BEST...



WUW

...AND IMPROVE UPON IT!

REMEMBER OSBORN'S ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PULSE?

ZRAKX



MY VERSION WON'T JUST DISABLE YOUR SPIDER-ARMOR...

...IT WILL SHRED IT TO PIECES!

LEAVING YOU DEFENSELESS! IT WILL--

WHAT?!

IT'LL HELP
ME MAKE ONE
HECK OF A COOL
COSTUME
CHANGE!

YOU LIKE MY
UNDEROOS?
THEY FIT UNDER
ANYTHING.

AND
BESIDES...

...THIS IS
THE **ONLY** SUIT
I'VE EVER NEEDED
TO BEAT YOU,
OTTO.

NICE MOVE,
BY THE WAY,
SHIELDING YOUR
ARMS FROM THE
E.M.P. BLAST.

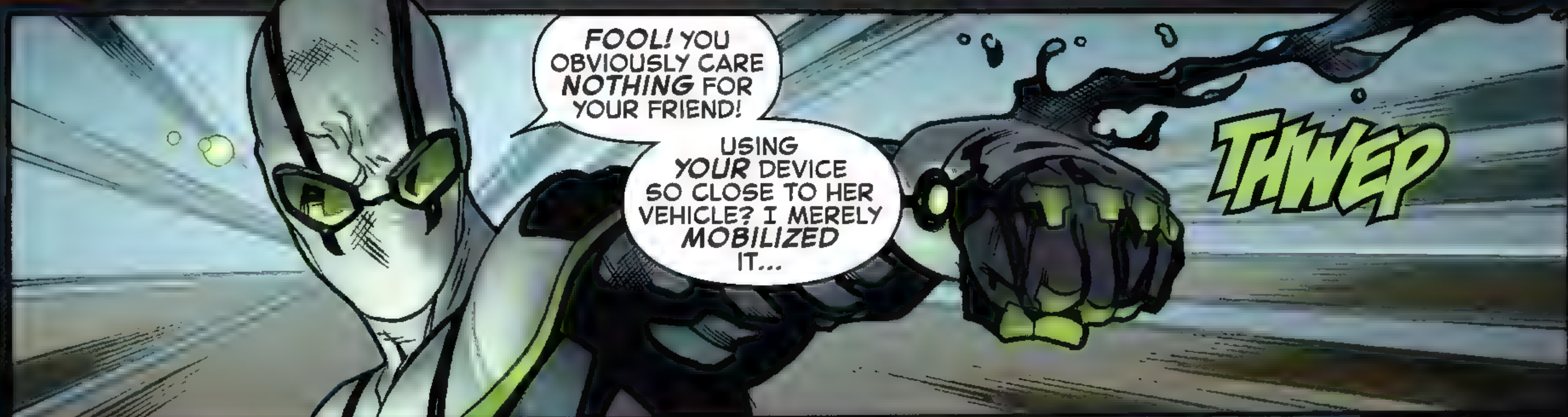
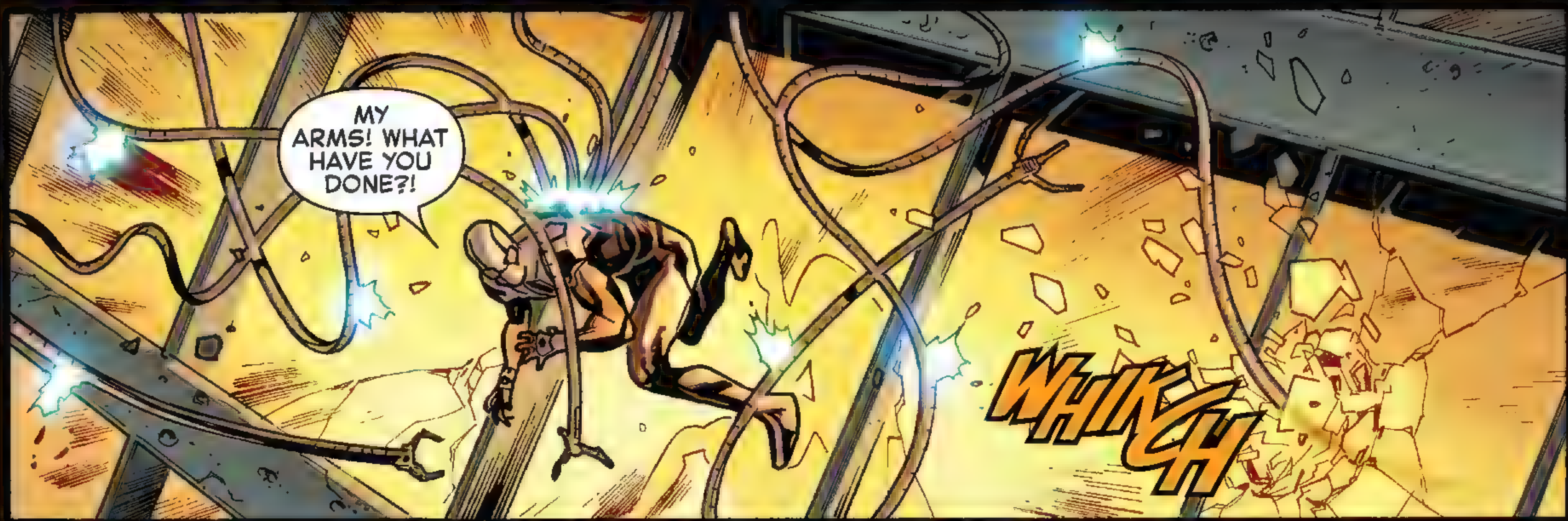
THING IS,
SINCE YOU
USED THE SAME
FREQUENCY TO
HIJACK MY
SPIDER-
MOBILES...

KLIK

...THAT
MEANS I'VE GOT
YOUR NUMBER.
HERE'S A LITTLE
TIT FOR TAT,
DOC.

GYAH!

**ZRAKK-
AK-AKK**





AHH! IS HE BLUFFING? I CAN'T RISK IT, I'D BETTER--

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! MAGNETIC CLAMPS ARE HOLDING. I'M OKAY.

WHY DO I FALL FOR IT? EVERY TIME?

'CAUSE YOU'RE THE GOOD GUY. NOW GO!



FOR ALL THE GOOD IT DOES ME.

WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

LOOKS LIKE OCK DE-ARMED HIMSELF...

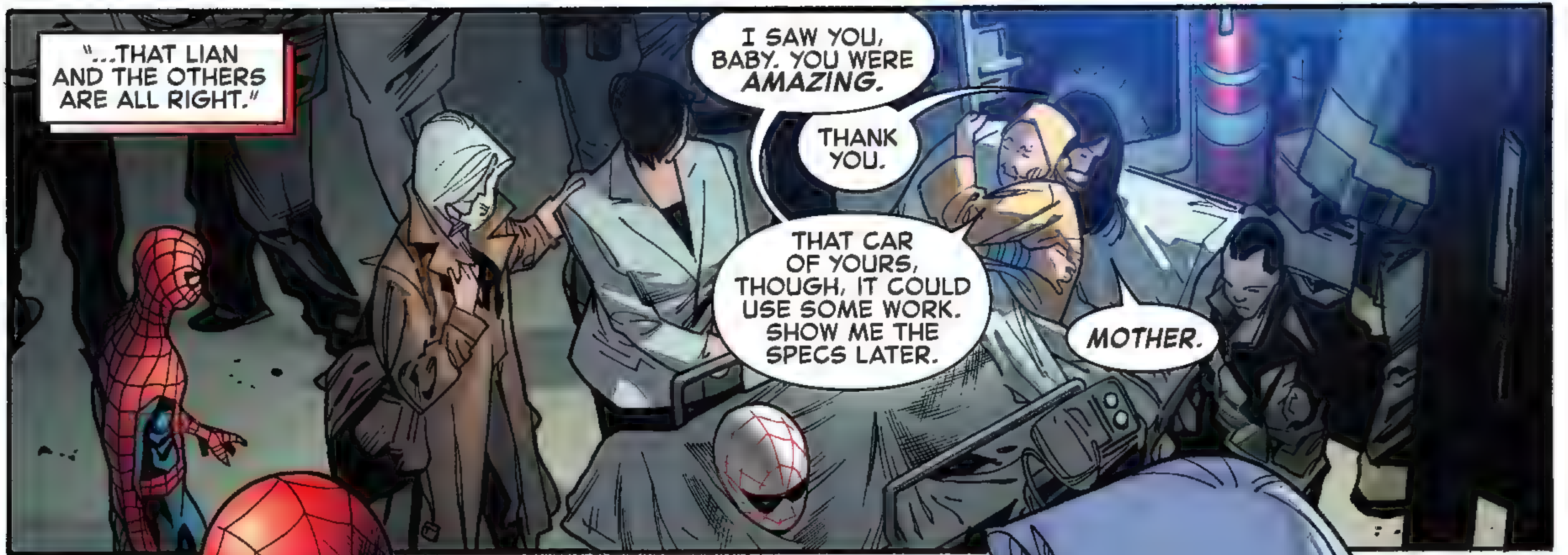


...AND DE-FACED HIMSELF TOO.

GOOD LUCK FINDING HIM NOW. I JUST REALIZED...

...I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HIS NEW FACE LOOKS LIKE. HE COULD BE ANYBODY.

ANOTHER TIME, OTTO. BETTER HEAD BACK AND MAKE SURE...



"...THAT LIAN AND THE OTHERS ARE ALL RIGHT."

I SAW YOU, BABY. YOU WERE AMAZING.

THANK YOU.

THAT CAR OF YOURS, THOUGH, IT COULD USE SOME WORK. SHOW ME THE SPECS LATER.

MOTHER.



MRS. PARKER? IT'S... GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

REALLY? YOU KNOW, FOR WHATEVER'S LEFT OF THIS COMPANY...

...I'M THE CHIEF SHAREHOLDER, MR. SPIDER-MAN. YOU WORK FOR ME.

AH. RIGHT. SORRY.

AND WHAT I'M DOING HERE?



AS ALWAYS, I'M ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO CLEANS UP PETER'S MESSSES.

THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE HIM, PLEASE PASS ALONG ANOTHER MESSAGE FOR ME...

...THAT I'M PROUD OF HIM.



AS FOR YOU, I THINK YOU'RE NEEDED BACK HOME.

THERE'S A GOOD FIGHT TO BE FOUGHT.

AND IF YOU CAN HANDLE A HORRIBLE MAN LIKE THAT DOCTOR OCTOPUS...

"...YOU CAN HANDLE ANYTHING."



HYDRA BASE ONE.

CONGRATULATIONS,
DOCTOR OCTAVIUS.
YOUR MISSION WAS
A COMPLETE
SUCCESS.

PARKER
INDUSTRIES IS
IN SHAMBLES, JUST
AS OUR GLORIOUS
LEADER, STEVEN
ROGERS,
INTENDED.

IN FACT, HE
WANTED ME
TO PASS ALONG
HIS COMPLIMENTS,
AND TO LET YOU
KNOW HE
BELIEVES...

...YOU
ARE ONE OF
HIS FINEST
SOLDIERS.

SOLDIER?!

TELL HIM
I AM...

...HONORED.

I AM NOT SOME
GLORIFIED PAWN
OR MINION.

I SHOULD BE
KING. RULER OF
MY OWN EMPIRE!

LOOK AT ME.
REDUCED TO A
MERE LACKEY.

ALL THAT WORK,
EVERYTHING I BUILT,
NOW LIES IN RUINS. I
SHALL NOT FORGET
THIS, PARKER! SOME
DAY SOON, I SWEAR...

...THERE
SHALL COME A
RECKONING!

THE END.

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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Hey there, web-heads!

HOLY COW, WHAT A BARN BURNER! Hope you liked this arc as much as I did. There's little better to me than Spidey and Ock trying to outthink each other. It's been a nutty few weeks up here at Marvel as we continue to try and think up the biggest, craziest stories ever told in comic book form. Let's see how we're doing...

Hello Spider-Folk!

I just finished reading AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #29 and I just have to say: Please, Mr. Slott, do not ever leave this title! I've been reading Spidey since I was a teen (I'm 41 now) and you, sir, in my humble opinion, have mastered this character I've loved for all these years. The way you write him has the perfect balance of wit, charm, sarcasm, protectiveness, caring and, when the occasion calls for it, seriousness. For a character with such a rich history, who has already been through so much, the fact that you're able to still come up with new and fresh ideas is spectacular (or in this case, amazing)! Being paired with Mr. Immonen (whom I've been a huge fan of since his ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN run) has blown my mind! Hats off to you, Mr. Slott! You've got a dedicated fan here who highly looks forward to what further Spidey greatness you have up your sleeve!

Sincerely,
Randy

Thanks for the hat tip, Randy. We're pretty partial to Dan, too! And it's a life goal achieved getting Stuart on this book!!!

Hey, Spider-People!

I just wanted to drop a line to say Dan Slott's run on Spider-Man is one of the best, most iconic runs in all of comics ever!!! Claremont's X-Men, Simonson's Thor, Miller's Daredevil, Waid's Flash, Johns' JSA... Now, I've only been reading Spider-Man since 1990, but Slott's run is the best that I own! He truly loves Peter Parker. In a world where most people only do 12 issues before the next big crossover, I love that Marvel has allowed Slott to tell his fantastic Spidey tales for so long. Excelsior!!!

Matt Nelson
East Berlin, PA

Thanks for writing in, Matt. I'm in full agreement about Dan (and his collaborators, Humberto Ramos, Giuseppe Camuncoli, John Romita Jr., Ryan Stegman, Marcos Martin, Christos Gage, Stuart and MANY more) and the current run. But you also need to GO READ MORE SPIDER-MAN SO YOU REALLY KNOW THE EXTENT OF THIS COMPARISON! If you haven't already, read Stan & Steve and then Stan & John and Gerry & Gil and DeMatteis & Zeck and Michelinie & Todd & Larsen and JMS & JRJR... And that's leaving a TON of folks unheralded! But Dan and Co. stand shoulder to shoulder with the best, and we're all lucky to be Spider-Fans right now!

Hello all,

Just wanted to drop a line and tell you how much I'm enjoying AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. I've loved watching the evolution of Doc Ock from Superior Spider-Man to the Superior Octopus. I really hope that all of this character development, for both Otto and Peter, is not wiped away with LEGACY. What I'm really trying to say is this: Please don't reboot Peter back to being a teenager. Eagerly awaiting ASM #30 and as they used to say when I started reading in the '90s: "Make Mine Marvel!"

Thanks,
Nathan Page

As you most likely understand from the last page, we're FAR from done with Otto. Keep reading!!!

Hi Spidey-Office,

My sister and baby nephew are HUGE Spider-Man fans, so if you could publish the attached photo in your letter column to commemorate Mabus' first birthday, it would be awesome!

Thanks!
Jag Sohal



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MABUS!!!! You're a cutiepie!

Hi, Spidey-Crew!

I'm so nervous I don't even know where to begin. Cliché as it may seem, I have never ever written to any comic publishers before, not even to my favorite character's solo title, MOCKINGBIRD.

So, as you may see, I'm a huge fan of Mockingbird, which was the only reason I picked up the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN in the first place, to be honest. But the more I read it, the more surprised and fascinated I gradually became. You folks do put the Amazing in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

I really love the chemistry between Spidey and Mockingbird here. I mean, they've been friends since, like, forever, or at least as long as Bobbi took on the "Mockingbird" mantle in around the... '70s, I guess. Frankly, I'm both surprised and unsurprised that Bobbi actually gave up her identity as an agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. to help Spidey do what they both believe is right. I've known her long enough to understand what S.H.I.E.L.D. means for her, or meant. It's been her home ever since she was dead, for her family, and she was willing to give it up to help Peter!

I really, really, really, really hope the Spidey and the Birdy can last. Both of them have been through too much for such great people. I am really sad that things have to end between Spidey & MJ and Mocky & Hawky (sort of), but now I see hope. They are the nicest and the funniest super heroes and they totally deserve each other.

Can you keep them up for a little much longer? PLEASE??? *puppy eyes*

Desperately,
Barbara (yep, same name as Bobbi)

Barbara, I love this letter. And I love Bobbi, too. KEEP READING!!!

I've been a Spider-Man fan since I first saw him and a Peter Parker fan since he became the underdog. When I was a kid, the only time I'd seen Green Goblin was on the cartoon, but in the comics Hobgoblin was the man and to me a better character. Plus to me he had classic story lines. Now through the years I've grown to like Norman Osborn, the original Green Goblin... Now I need to see Green Goblin back in green and purple with fury and a new costume.

Oscar Martin
Chicago's Finest

P.S. Let's get some more Silver Sable and a New Wild Pack?

Thanks for the note, Oscar. If you want to see more Norman Osborn, you're in luck as ASM #32 is a big Osborn issue. I can't tell you whether he'll get green and goblin-y without spoiling it, but I can tell you the story is EPIC!

Hello Spidey-Office,

I have always been a huge Spider-Man fan. I have a few questions for you guys.

1. What are your favorite Spider-Man stories?
2. What is your favorite piece of Spider-Man media outside of the comics?
3. With ASM #28, how do you feel that the battle between Peter and Norman has changed them?

Emeka Uzoh

Great questions, Emeka. Pick up the next issue to see how ASM #28 changed Norman. But for Peter, I'd say it made him feel more confident than ever. Let's see if it lasts. As for the other questions, here's our answers!

FAVORITE SPIDER-MAN STORY

NICK LOWE: It's still ASM #33. Still the best Spider-Man story ever.

DAN SLOTT: ASM #90, "And Death Shall Come." When Captain Stacy dies in Spidey's arms, and we find out he knew Pete was Spidey the entire time. Man, does that get me. Waterworks every time. ASM #248, "The Kid Who Collects Spider-Man." Roger Stern's masterpiece. What can I tell you? My favorites are all the ones that go for the heartstrings.

STUART IMMONEN: ASM #110, "Birth of the Gibbon," the first issue of an underappreciated classic two-parter by Lee and Romita Sr., the second half of which took me YEARS to find. Or ASM #227, "Goin' Straight," the second issue of another Lee/Romita Sr. two-parter which had a doubly-shocking ending which rocked my little fan heart to the core.

WADE VON GRAWBADGER: One of my all-time favorite Spidey stories is from Marvel Team-Up #54, "Treachery at Tranquility Base." I loved the mash-up of characters, but mostly because... "Bug Eyes and Goat Face"!

DEVIN LEWIS: "Spider-Man: Coming Home," Ultimate Spider-Man, and Superior Spider-Man. (Devin Lewis)

FAVORITE SPIDEY OUTSIDE OF THE COMICS

NICK: Either Spider-Man 2 (2004) or Spider-Man: Homecoming!

DAN: The Spider-Man '67 cartoon. That was my gateway into Spidey. Will always love it to bits. Greatest super hero theme song EVER. And that's the voice I hear in my head whenever I script J. Jonah Jameson... "PARKERRRRRR!" And for movies? From now on, it's a toss-up. Either Homecoming or Spider-Man 2. It's hard to choose! Both are so darn good!

STUART: In the '70s, I had a Spider-Man Mego figure and Spider-Car which were played with until they were both broken and for years beyond. I raided my mother's sewing kit for black thread which I tied to Spidey's wrists so I could swing him down the basement stairs.

WADE: I have to agree with Stuart here. I had so many Mego action figures and Spider-Man was the one that needed replacing the most!

DEVIN: The '90s Spider-Man game on Playstation! Spider-Man: Shattered Dimensions is pretty spiffy, too!

ALLISON: The friendly neighborhood intimidator of tourists in Times Square!

And that's all we've got time and space for this issue! Come back next month for an incredibly special issue centered on what's next for Peter and Norman. And then in October come back for our MARVEL LEGACY arc called "FALL OF PARKER" starting in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #789!!!

Keep on swingin'!

NICK

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